



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2009

SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA) PROPOSED TRANSIT SERVICE REDUCTIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Due to continuing declines in economic conditions and the elimination of state funding for transit, VTA, and other transit agencies across California, have been forced to reduce service and increase fares. VTA is projecting a reduction of \$16.3 million in sales tax revenue in Fiscal Year 2009; another \$20.3 million in FY 10, this figure includes rescission of \$6.3 million in state funding, and a reduction of \$14.1 million in FY 11. Even with \$27.6 million in negotiated labor savings, VTA cannot absorb the continued declines in sales tax without impacting service. VTA staff has prepared a proposed Transit Service Reduction Plan that includes up to an 8.6 percent reduction in bus service and up to a 6.5 percent reduction in light rail service hours. For Morgan Hill the service reductions are as follows:

- Regional Line 68 operating from San Jose through Downtown Morgan Hill to Gilroy will operate at 20 minute intervals in midday instead of 15 minutes and would continue to operate at 15 minutes intervals during the weekday peak hours.
- Express bus line 121 serving the Morgan Hill Caltrain Station and Moffett Industrial Park in Sunnyvale will have 6 trips in each direction instead of 7.
- Express Line 168 serving the Caltrain Station and San Jose Diridon Transit Center will have 5 trips in each direction instead of 7.

No change is proposed to the local Community Bus Line 16. Line 16 serves Live Oak and Sobrato High Schools, the Downtown, the Civic Center and the Library. Due to low ridership, VTA eliminated service on Community Bus Line 15 in mid July. Line 15 served Jackson Oaks and the Civic Center mornings and late afternoons and the Centennial Recreation Center midday.

The public comment period on the service plan reductions ended August 31, 2009. The VTA Transit, Planning and Operation (TPO) Committee will review and recommend approval of the final plan at a meeting on September 17, 2009. The VTA Board of Director is scheduled to adopt the final plan and service changes at their October 1, 2009 Board Meeting. If adopted these changes would go into effect on January 11, 2010. Attached is a complete list of the staff recommended transit service reductions.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT:

No budget adjustment required.

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VTa Proposed Service Reductions Effective: January 11, 2010

VTa Bus Service Changes

Line 10: Santa Clara Transit Center to Metro-Airport LRT Station

- Weekday: every 30 minutes (before 7 a.m.)
- Sat/Sun: every 30 minutes (before 9 a.m.)
- Weekday/Sat/Sun discontinued trip: EB 4:27 a.m.

Line 11: San Jose Market Center to Hedding & 15th

- Weekday: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: service discontinued.

Line 13: Almaden & McKean to Ohlone/Chynoweth LRT Station

- Weekday: every 30 minutes during peak hours only (6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Sat/Sun: service discontinued.

Line 14: Gilroy Transit Center to St Louise Hospital

- Weekday: every 40 minutes in midday.

Line 17: Gilroy Transit Center to Murray and Tomkins

- Weekday: every 40 minutes in midday.

Line 18: Gilroy Transit Center via Gavilan College

- Weekday: every 40 minutes in midday.
- Weekday discontinued trips: 7:35 p.m. and 8:40 p.m.

Line 19: Gilroy Transit Center via Wren & Mantelli

- Weekday: every 40 minutes in midday.
- Weekday: 7:13 p.m. trip ends at Wren & 1st.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: 8:05 p.m.
 - Saturday: 6:57 p.m.

Line 22: Eastridge Transit Center to Palo Alto Transit Center via El Camino

- Discontinue 24-hour service (no service 1 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.)

Line 23: Alum Rock Transit Center to De Anza College via Stevens Creek

- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: WB 5:04 a.m. and WB 5:59 a.m.
 - Saturday: EB 7:09 a.m.
 - Sunday: EB 7:09 a.m., EB 7:55 a.m. and WB 5:40 a.m.

Line 25: Alum Rock Transit Center to De Anza College via Valley Medical Center

- Weekday discontinued trips: EB 5:27 a.m., WB 4:43 a.m. and WB 5:25 a.m.
- Sunday: every 20 minutes to Valley Medical Center and every 40 minutes to Cupertino.

Line 26: Eastridge Transit Center to Sunnyvale-Lockheed Martin Transit Center

- Weekday: discontinue short 15 minute weekday trips.
- Weekday discontinued trip: WB 4:50 a.m.

Line 27: Kaiser San Jose to Good Samaritan Hospital

- Weekday: every 45 minutes in midday, service ends at 8 p.m.
- Weekday discontinued trip: EB 7:02 p.m.
- Saturday: every 60 minutes, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Line 31: Eastridge Transit Center to Evergreen Valley College

- Weekday: every 30 minutes, all day
- Saturday: every 60 minutes.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 5:45 a.m.

Line 33: McCarthy Ranch to Great Mall/Main Transit Center

- To be combined with Line 47.

LINE 34: San Antonio Shopping Center to Downtown Mt. View Transit Center

- **ROUTE DISCONTINUED**

Line 35: Stanford Shopping Center to Downtown Mt. View Transit Center

- Saturday: every 60 minutes.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 7:40 p.m. NB 10:09 p.m. and SB 5:44 a.m.

- Saturday: SB 7:18 a.m.
- Sunday: NB 7:23 p.m.

Line 37: Capitol Light Rail Station to West Valley College

- Weekday: service after 6:30 p.m. discontinued
- Weekday: every 60 minutes in midday between Capitol and Winchester Light Rail Stations.

Line 39: The Villages to Eastridge Transit Center

- Weekday: every 60 minutes, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Saturday: NB 7:48 a.m.
 - Sunday: NB 8:50 a.m.

Line 40: La Avenida & Shoreline to Foothill College

- Saturday: every 45 minutes
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: SB 5:30 a.m.
 - Saturday: SB 6:35 p.m.
 - Sunday: NB 6:51 p.m. and SB 6:27 p.m.

Line 42: Monterey & Senter to Santa Teresa LRT Station

- Weekday discontinued trips: NB 5:39 a.m., NB 7:39 p.m. and SB 8:04 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sundays: service discontinued.

LINE 43: Eastridge Transit Center to Alum Rock Transit Center

- **ROUTE DISCONTINUED**

Line 45: Alum Rock Transit Center to Penitencia Creek Transit Center

- Saturday: service discontinued.
- Sunday: service discontinued.

Line 46: Great Mall/Main Transit Center to Washington & Escuela via Yellowstone

- Weekday: every 60 minutes in midday, service to end at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: service discontinued.

Line 47: Great Mall/Main Transit Center to Washington & Escuela via Park Victoria

- Weekday/Sat/Sun: major routing change - Great Mall to McCarthy Ranch via Park Victoria, Calaveras and downtown Milpitas. (see turn by turn directions)(see map)
- Weekday: every 30 minutes, 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday: every 30 minutes, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday: every 45 minutes, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Line 48: Winchester Transit Center to Downtown Los Gatos via Winchester

- Weekday: every 60 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday: SB 7:45 p.m. trip to stop at Winchester & Knowles.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 7:17 p.m., NB 8:17 p.m., SB 9:20 p.m., SB 10:08 p.m. and SB 11:08 p.m.
- Saturday: SB 7:50 a.m., SB 8:40 p.m. and SB 9:40 p.m.

Line 49: Winchester Transit Center to Downtown Los Gatos via Los Gatos Blvd

- Weekday: every 60 minutes in midday
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 7:05 p.m., NB 8:27 p.m., NB 9:25 p.m., SB 7:53 p.m. and SB 8:56 p.m.
 - Saturday: NB 8:06 p.m.

Line 51: De Anza College to Moffett Field/Ames Center

- Weekday discontinued trip: SB 5:47 a.m.

Line 53: West Valley College to Sunnyvale Transit Center

- Weekday discontinued trips: NB 6:09 a.m. and SB 6:05 a.m.

Line 54: De Anza College to Sunnyvale/Lockheed Martin Transit Center

- Sat/Sun: every 45 minutes.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: SB 6:04 a.m. and SB 9:11 p.m.
 - Saturday: NB 7:26 p.m. and SB 8:08 p.m.

Line 55: De Anza College to Great America

- Sundays: every 45 minutes.
- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 5:38 a.m.

Line 57: West Valley College to Great America via Quito Rd

- Sunday: every 60 minutes
- Weekday: NB 5:26 a.m. and NB 5:48 a.m. trips to be combined into one trip starting at Saratoga & Campbell.
- Weekday: NB 6:18 a.m. trip to start at Saratoga & Campbell.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: SB 5:51 a.m.
 - Saturday: NB 8:26 p.m.

Line 58: West Valley College to Alviso via Fruitvale

- Weekday: NB 5:42 a.m. and NB 6:11 a.m. trips to be combined into one.
- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 9:27 a.m.

Line 60: Winchester Transit Center to Great America

- Weekdays: every 30 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: every 45 minutes.
- Weekday discontinued trips: NB 5:05 a.m. and SB 5:41 a.m.

Line 61: Good Samaritan Hospital to Sierra & Piedmont

- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 5:34 a.m. and SB 5:28 a.m.
 - Sat/Sun: NB 7:25 a.m.

Line 62: Good Samaritan Hospital to Sierra & Piedmont

- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: SB 5:01 a.m.
 - Saturday: SB 9:44 p.m.

Line 63: Almaden Expwy. & Camden to San Jose State University

- Weekday: every 45 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Weekday discontinued trips: NB 5:29 a.m., NB 6:20 p.m., NB 7:42 p.m., NB 8:42 p.m., SB 8:29 p.m. and SB 9:29 p.m.

Line 64: Almaden LRT Station via Downtown San Jose to McKee & White

- Sunday: NB 6:55 a.m. and NB 7:25 a.m. trips to be combined into one.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 8:51 p.m., SB 5:02 a.m. and SB 8:32 p.m.
 - Saturday: NB 10:23 p.m. and SB 10:02 p.m.

- Sunday: NB 10:24 p.m., SB 5:43 a.m. and SB 10:05 p.m.

Line 65: Kooser & Meridian to Downtown San Jose

- Weekday: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Line 66: Kaiser San Jose to Milpitas/Dixon Rd

- Weekday: every 20 minutes in midday.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 4:52 a.m. and SB 4:41 a.m.
 - Sunday: NB 5:37 a.m.
- Weekday: NB 5:00 a.m. trip to start at Monterey & Senter.

Line 68: Gilroy Transit Center to San Jose Diridon Transit Center

- Weekday: every 20 minutes in midday.
- Weekday: NB 5:11 a.m. trip to start at Monterey & Roeder.

Line 70: Capitol LRT Station to Great Mall/Main Transit Center

- Sat/Sun: every 20 minutes.
- Weekday: NB 5:02 a.m. and NB 5:33 a.m. trips will be combined into one.
- Weekday: SB 4:59 a.m. trip to start at Hostetter Light Rail station.
- Weekday discontinued trip: SB 5:08 a.m.

Line 71: Eastridge Transit Center to Great Mall/Main Transit Center

- Sunday: every 45 minutes.

Line 72: Monterey & Senter to Downtown San Jose

- Weekday: every 20 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: every 45 minutes.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 4:55 a.m., NB 10:23 p.m., SB 5:45 a.m. and SB 11:01 p.m.
 - Saturday: NB 5:42 a.m.
 - Sunday: NB 6:26 a.m. and SB 7:15 a.m.

Line 73: Snell & Capitol to Downtown San Jose

- Weekday: every 20 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: every 45 minutes.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 4:52 a.m.
 - Sunday: NB 7:57 p.m. and SB 8:32 p.m.

LINE 76: Los Gatos to Summit Road

- **ROUTE DISCONTINUED**

Line 77: Eastridge Transit Center to Great Mall/ Main Transit Center

- Weekday: every 20 minutes in midday.
- Sunday: service to end at 7 p.m.
- Weekday: NB 5:49 a.m. and NB 6:07 a.m. trips combined into one.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Saturday: NB 7:14 p.m. and SB 8:29 p.m.
 - Sunday: SB 7:40 a.m.

Line 81: San Jose State University to Cupertino Square

- Weekday discontinued trips: EB 5:41 a.m., WB 5:55 a.m. and WB 8:05 p.m.
- Sat/Sun: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., short route only (Cupertino Square to Santa Clara Transit Center)

Line 82: Westgate to Downtown San Jose

- Saturday: every 45 minutes.
- Sunday: every 60 minutes, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday: SB 7:39 a.m. trip to start at 2nd & Santa Clara.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: SB 5:36 a.m.
 - Saturday: NB 6:45 a.m., NB 8:12 p.m. and SB 8:00 p.m.

Line 88: Palo Al to Veteran's Hospital to Middlefield and Colorado

- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 6:17 a.m.

Line 89: Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital to California Ave. Caltrain Station

- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 6:54 p.m.

LINE 101: Camden & Highway 85 to Palo Alto

- **ROUTE DISCONTINUED**

Line 103: Eastridge Transit Center to Palo Alto

- Add bus stop at Cupertino Square (in conjunction with Line 101 change.)

Line 104: Penitencia Creek Transit Center to Palo Alto

- 2 trips in each direction instead of 3.

Line 121: Gilroy Transit Center to Lockheed Martin Transit Center/Moffett Industrial Park

- 6 trips in each direction instead of 7.

Line 140: Fremont BART to Mission College & Montague Expwy.

- 3 trips in each direction instead of 5.

Line 168: Gilroy Transit Center to San Jose Diridon Transit Center

- 5 trips in each direction instead of 7.

Line 180: FremontBART to Great Mall/Main Transit Center/San Jose Diridon Transit Center

- Sat/Sun: every 40 minutes
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 9:09 p.m., NB 10:10 p.m., SB 5:27 a.m., SB 8:44 p.m., and SB 9:44 p.m.
 - Saturday: NB 6:21 a.m.
 - Sunday: SB 8:42 a.m.

Line 181: Fremont BART to San Jose Diridon Transit Center

- Weekday discontinued trips: NB 5:21 a.m. and SB 6:11 a.m.

Line 304: South San Jose to Sunnyvale Transit Center via Arques

- To operate from Downtown San Jose to Sunnyvale only.

Line 330: Almaden Expwy. & Camden to Tasman Drive

- Weekday discontinued trip: NB 6:26 a.m.

Line 522: Eastridge Transit Center to Palo Alto Transit Center

- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Weekday discontinued trips: EB 5:17 a.m. and EB 5:53 a.m.

DASH: Downtown Area Shuttle

- Weekday: every 15 minutes in midday.
- Weekday discontinued trip: 6:33 a.m.

River Oaks Shuttle:

- **ROUTE DISCONTINUED**

VTA Light Rail Changes

Alum Rock– Santa Teresa Line

- Discontinued trips:
 - Saturday: NB 4:20 a.m.
 - Sunday: NB 4:20 a.m. and SB 12:57 a.m.

Mountain View-- Winchester Line

- Weekday/Sat/Sun: Service to Mountain View to end at 10:30 p.m.
(*see alternative below)
- Weekday: SB 2:19 p.m. trip to start at Civic Center.
- Weekday: NB 6:05 p.m. trip to end at Civic Center.
- Sat/Sun: SB 5:57 a.m. trip to start at Civic Center.
- Discontinued trips:
 - Weekday: NB 1:40 p.m. and SB 10:04 a.m.
 - Sat/Sun: NB 5:08 a.m.

*Two late bus trips to operate from the Tasman Light Rail Station to Mountain View, serving all stops between Tasman and Fair Oaks and then traveling non-stop to Mountain View.

Ohlone Chynoweth – Almaden Line

- Weekday: Service to start at 6:15 a.m.
- Sat/Sun: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

LEGEND:

EB= Eastbound

SB= Southbound

Sat/Sun= Saturday and Sunday

NB= Northbound

WB= Westbound

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